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MOSCOW LONDON BELGRADE CANBERRA VIENNA PARIS CONAKRY NEW DELHI
JAKARTA NAIROBI KHARTOUM FROM PANAMA 22 MAR 73 REPEATED TO YOU
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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: PFOR, PN, UN, PQ
SUBJ: SC MEETING IN PANAMA

FROM US DELEGATION

SUMMARY: PANCANAL RESOLUTION DEFEATED BY US VETO,
BRITISH ABSTAIN, 13 OTHERS IN FAVOR. RES ON
SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES CARRIED WITH
12 IN FAVOR; US, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN ABSTAIN.
TACK CONCLUDES WITH WARNING THAT CALIM IN PANAMA MAY NOT
BE PERMANENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN TACK ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT MARCH 21 EVENING
SESSION, OFFERED FLOOR TO ANY SPEAKER, AND FINDING NONE
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ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS READY TO VOTE ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING PANAMA CANAL. VOTE WAS 13 IN FAVOR, 1 AGAINST (US), 1 ABSTENTION (UK).

2. EXPLANATION OF VOTE-- AFTER THE VOTE-- WAS AS FOLLOWS:
A. US (SEPTEL). (DEPT' S TEXT PLUS EXPLANATION 1903 TREATY NOT IMPOSED)

B. UK -- DELEGATION REGARDS QUESTION AS ESSENTIALLY A BILATERAL ISSUE. IF IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT RE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CONCERNS OF BOTH PARTIES, THE RESOLUTION MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. TO BE SUCCESSFUL A RESOLUTION MUST BE GERNERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. THUS BRITIAN ABSTAINED.

C. GUINEAATIONS
TO REGIONAL MEETINGS UNQUOTE.

3. PERMREP REQUESTED DISCUSS ABOVE WITH SECRETARIAT. IF NOT SATISFIED THAT FULL DISCUSSION, EXPOSITION US VIEWS AND POSSIBLE EXBD ACTION CAN BE COVERED BY PRESENT AGENDA ITEM TITLE, THEN PERMREP SHOULD FORMALLY REQUEST CHANGE IN AGENDA ITEM TITLE AS QUOTED ABOVE. ROGERS

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